

Minutes
Prescription Work Group
September 12, 2007

Present: Tom Werner, Russell Byrne, Melinda Malott, Todd Johnson, Kim Vander Weyden, Dianne Vander Weyden, Kathy Sargent, Heather Kirby

- I **October 3rd Coalition Meeting** – Results of the needs assessment to be published and presented by Dr. Brookmyer and the professional contractor hired to conduct the needs assessment.
From Executive committee meeting – decided no dues for the coming year. The first priority will be to develop a budget. Discussion about having a wellness ad-hoc committee – to be considered at the November executive committee meeting. The bylaws provide for an ad-hoc for up to a year
- II Status of Activities
 - A. Medication Resource List reformatting (Todd, Heather, Melinda)
Heather to e-mail the new list that is categorized to Melinda – Melinda to distribute to members to review
Melinda to add Vicki's resource table to the list
 - B. Outreach (Katherine) – CME presentation is September 14 Cost of brand vs. generics
 - C. Time Gap Problem -
FMH discharge supply of meds "Vouchers" – Linda Hoffman not present - no report available
5 companies are in various stages of approval to provide more meds to the Medbank: Astra Zennica, GSK, Pfizer, Merck and Abbott
Meeting on Monday September 17 to discuss dispensing of the new Medbank pharmacy program - meds will be made available while consumers are waiting for approval for Medbank Pharmacy Assistance programs. Hopefully PAC or MA [patients will be able to access Medbank meds sooner. FMH, Tom, Community Action Agency and Medbank of Md. To meet and discuss.
Heather to help Todd get some data from FMH on number of uninsured patients in ED and inpatient this year.
 - D. Legislative Update – Kim and Dianne have each written a letter to legislators - they noted that there are people in Washington Focusing on the Medicare issue.

Newsletter – UCP national office in DC – on top of legislative issues – they are pushing for improvement in Medicare. Kim suggested there is evidence of legislators paying attention to this issue.

You can log onto the Medicare website and tell your story. Dianne going to log on and tell their story. We are looking to the state legislature session, which begins in January – we would like to present to the executive committee on what we should be acting on. It would be good if our group to have something we can take to the executive committee in the meeting in November. Kim and Dianne to research current relevant issues.

Old Business:

Membership – Dave Fulton is interested in participating in our group. He should be available to be present at our next meeting.

New Business: No new business

Next Meeting: October 10, 2007 4-5:30 FMH classroom.